

# Daughters of St. Paul

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POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
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Postal Regulatory Commission  
Re: Docket #RM 2017-3  
901 New York Avenue NW Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Commissioner:

We Daughters of St. Paul are a Catholic religious congregation devoted to sharing the Christian message of love and hope with people thirsting for encouragement in these difficult times. We carry out our mission through publications and electronic media, as well as by personal contact in eleven book & media centers nationwide, school book fairs, and parish visitations.

Since 1990, the rising costs of publishing, plus the development of the new digital means, have necessitated supplementing the income we receive when carrying out our mission. Therefore, twenty-seven years ago we began direct mail fundraising. And each year this form of fundraising has become more and more necessary for us. Without it, we cannot train and form new members, care for the health of our senior members, or provide for the upkeep of our aging buildings.

We use the U.S. Mail not only to send appeal letters to our contributors—the mail is also our chief means of keeping in touch with them, acknowledging their gifts, and sharing our news.

We therefore request that the Regulatory Commission retain the CPI cap on postage.

Thank you for considering our need.

Gratefully,



Sr. Anne Eileen Heffernan, fsp  
For all the Daughters of St. Paul